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In re Application of Gao, et al.
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 27, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated February 13, 2002), which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) to revive the instant nonprovisional application.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abanconed pursuant to 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by: (1) the reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f). The nonpublication request has been rescinded.

Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign filing within 45 days as provided by 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

There is no indication that the person signing the present petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the present petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent and change of correspondence address must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the present petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

A Corrected Filing Receipt which sets forth the projected publication date accompanies this decision on petition.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for examination.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0272.

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